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PORT OF FOLKESTONE.

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FOLKESTONE.

March, 1959.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith submit the Annual Report on the medical aspect of the working of the Port of Folkestone for 1958.

During the year the regular boat services have been as follows:-

(1) Folkestone-Calais.

(a) Daily passenger service by French steamer, Cote D'Azur, and reliefs by British Railways steamer from 1st January to 31st December, 1958. (Outward bound service took Golden Arrow passengers).

(2) Folkestone-Boulogne. (British Railways steamers).

(a) Daily evening passenger service from 1st June to 28th September, 1958, inclusive.

(b) Daily morning passenger service from 11th July to 7th September, 1958, inclusive. An irregular service (four boats a week) was in force from 1st June until the commencement of the daily service and also during the period 9th to 28th September, 1958.

Four passenger boats were diverted to Dover (two because of the excessively high tides at Folkestone and the other two to allow Folkestone Harbour to handle the heavy outgoing traffic of winter sports enthusiasts). Two boats were diverted to Folkestone from Dover and on the 6th September, 1958 all boats were diverted to Newhaven as there had been a severe storm and the railway lines to London blocked.

Special excursion and "no-passport" trips were also run to France during the Summer season.

The usual cargo service was maintained to and from Calais and Boulogne.

A total of 725,503 passengers passed through the Port during the year; this figure showed an increase of 24,233 compared with 1957.

The gross figures of passengers arriving at and departing from Folkestone for the past five years are:-

	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
Inwards ..	277,388	310,646	323,438	362,494	380,127
Outwards ..	251,803	286,949	305,955	338,776	345,376
Totals:	529,191	597,595	629,393	701,270	725,503

There has been a decrease in the number of aliens arriving - 4,924 less than 1957 - and 857 fewer aliens were medically examined compared with the previous year.

A summary of the aliens arriving, medically examined, certificates issued, etc., during the past five years is given below:-

	1954.	1955.	1956.	1957.	1958.
Aliens arriving ..	58,896	70,195	78,749	89,860	84,936
Aliens medically examined	8,696	9,855	10,843	10,047	9,190
Certificates issued..	11	17	108	148	169
Percentage of Aliens examined to whom certificates issued	0.12	0.17	0.99	1.47	1.84

The Aliens continued to come mainly from Italy, Switzerland, France, Austria, Germany and Spain.

The men came to be employed in the brickyards, hotels, catering and for technical and professional employment with various firms; the women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile and factory workers.

In view of the large number of Aliens coming to the U.K. for employment it is my opinion that each Alien coming to reside and work in the U.K. should be in possession of a certificate of health issued in the country of origin, and this should also apply to wives and children.

During 1958 the number of certificates issued on Form Port 12 was 169 compared with 148 for 1957. Of these 169 Aliens 126 were landed conditionally and 43 not permitted to land (2 of unsound mind or mentally defective, 23 undesirable for medical reasons and 18 because of their inability to support themselves or likely to require medical treatment). None of the Aliens was conditionally landed for further medical examination.

Eleven passengers were medically examined; one was a mental case returning to England, four were accident cases and six medical. Seven of the patients were treated at the local hospital.

Seven members of the ships' crews also received attention; three had deep lacerations and were sent to the local hospital, two medical cases were referred to their own doctors and a seaman, aged 35 years, found to be suffering from Chickenpox was conveyed by ambulance to his own home at Dover.

In conclusion I would like to express my appreciation of the efficient work carried out by the Medical and Nursing staff at the Harbour, and also to the unfailing and effective co-operation with us of the Immigration Officials, Customs Officials, British Railways Officials and Ships' staffs.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R.F.H. McELLIGOTT.

Port Medical Officer.

SECTION I - Staff.

Table A.

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.	Any other appointments held.
R.F.H. McElligott.	Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.	29.12.50.	M.B., Ch.B.	Medical Inspector of Aliens. (Part-time).
L.H. Vale.	Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937-1948.	-1.10.49.	*F.R.S.H., Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.	-
L.F. Pattman.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector for Borough and Port. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937-1948.	-5.11.28.	*A.R.S.H., Cert.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	-
A. Stubbs.	Additional Port Health Inspector. Assistant Officer under Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937-1948.	-1. 2.45.	*Cert.S.I.B.	Additional Public Health Inspectors for the Borough of Folkestone.
S. Davey.	- ditto -	-1.12.55.	*Cert.S.I.B.	
S.W. Couling.	- ditto -	-6.10.58.	*Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.	
C.E. Thomsett.	-	-2.10.58.	-	Junior Trainee Public Health Inspector.

*Also holds Royal Society of Health Certificate as Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health and Port Medical Officer.

Public Health Department, Old Harvey Grammar School, Foord Road, Folkestone, Kent.
Telephone No: Folkestone 2463.

(N.B. A telephone is also available in the Medical Inspection Room at the Folkestone Harbour - Folkestone 51512).

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

Table B.

Ships from:	Number.	Tonnage.	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	847	971,133	-	15	-
Coastwise ..	29	35,749	-	-	-
TOTAL ..	876	1,006,882	-	15	-

Total number of inspections - 111.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

Table C.

Passenger Traffic ..	Number of Passengers - INWARDS: 380,127. Number of Passengers - OUTWARDS: 345,376.
Cargo Traffic ..	Principal IMPORTS - Wines and spirits, dates, perfumes, woollens and cottons, furniture, government stores, chemicals. Principal EXPORTS - Machinery, government stores, fish, iron and steel.
Principal Ports from which ships arrive - Calais and Boulogne.	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic.

Number and tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic.

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SECTION V - Water Supply.

Routine samples of the water supply are taken by the Public Health Inspectors both from quayside hydrants and from storage tanks on vessels using the Harbour.

These samples were found to be generally satisfactory though on one occasion the bacteriological report on a sample taken from a tap on board a cross-channel steamer was not entirely satisfactory.

The matter was taken up with the owners of the vessel and as a precautionary measure the water tanks were opened up, emptied, and together with water pipe lines etc., thoroughly cleaned and sterilized.

Check samples following this operation proved entirely satisfactory.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952.

No change during the year.

SECTION VII - Smallpox.

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district.

Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

Patients suffering from Smallpox would be removed by arrangement with the Canterbury City Ambulance Service, which authority is responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews.

(3) Names of Smallpox Consultants available.

Dr. W.J. Coughlan of Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, (Tel. No: Dartford 3231) and
Dr. J.P. Marsden of River Hospitals, Joyce Green, Dartford, (Tel. No: Dartford 3231 and home Tel. No: Dartford 2443) are both available as Smallpox Consultants for this area.

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox.

At the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service at Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. (Tel. No: Maidstone 7239). Dr. J.H.C. Walker is the Medical Director.

Also at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, Colindale, London, N.W.9.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease.

No change during the year.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships.

Table D.

Category.	Disease.	Number of cases during the year.		Number of ships concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Chickenpox.	-	1	1
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-

The member of the crew suffering from Chickenpox was conveyed to his home at Dover by ambulance.

A short account should be given of the measures taken on the arrival by ships of (a) any case of smallpox, cholera, plague, yellow fever, typhus or relapsing fever included in Table D; (b) any suspected cases of any such disease.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships.

No cases occurred during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

No action necessary during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats.

Formal inspections carried out by Dover Health staff and amplified by local Port Health Inspectors during course of routine inspection of vessels.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year.

Facilities exist for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory Service, Preston Hall, British Legion Village, Maidstone. None of the rodents was sent for examination during 1958.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used, and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor.

Harbour district treated as necessary by Rodent Operators of the British Railways Southern Region and assistance given by the Borough Rodent Operator as required.

It has not been found necessary over the past few years for work of disinfestation to be carried out on ships visiting this Port. If, however, such work were necessary the ships would be treated with Hydrogen Cyanide by the Fumigation Services Ltd., Barking, Essex, under the direction of the Dover Port Health Inspectors.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships.

Not found necessary.
Tables "E" and "F" - NIL.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports.

None issued - Folkestone is not an approved port.

Certificates for vessels owned by the British Railways and using this port are issued by the Dover Port Health authority.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances.

Table G.

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and number of Inspections.		Notices served.		Result of serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
General inspection of crews' quarters, food preparing places, etc.	111	-	-	-
Total:	111	-	-	-

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

No change during the year.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens (applicable only to ports approved for the landing of aliens).

(1) List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens holding Warrants of appointment.

Name.	Date of Appointment.	Qualifications.
R.F.H. McElligott	28.10.49.	M.B., Ch.B..
J.H. Campbell	16. 4.51.	M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
H. Yates	-8.10.52.	M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
C.B. Findlay	28. 6.55.	M.B., Ch.B.

All the Medical Inspectors were employed on a part-time basis.

(2) List of other staff engaged on this work.

Name.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment	Qualifications.
Mrs. L.F. Brann.	Nurse-Attendant (Part-time).	-1. 6.56.	S.E.A.N.

(3) Organisation of Work.

No change during the year.

(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic.

A total of 9,190 aliens were examined during 1958, compared with 10,047 in 1957, and a summary of their nationality is as follows:-

Italian	5,745
Swiss	1,828
French	552
Austrian	342
German	333
Spanish	193
Greek	28
Hungarian	27
Israeli	22
Jugoslav	12
Portuguese	12
Other nationals	44
Stateless	52
	9,190

The men were mainly for employment in the brick works, catering, hotels and for technical and professional employment with various firms; the women were mainly domestics, children's nurses and governesses, assistant hospital nurses, ward orderlies, textile and factory workers.

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(4) Nature and amount of aliens traffic (Contd.)

Particulars of the number of aliens arriving, examined and certificates issued during 1958 are set out below:-

A. Total number of arriving vessels carrying aliens -
(a) Passenger .. .. 630.
(b) Cargo .. .. 33.
TOTAL: 663.

B. Total number of arriving aliens (excluding crews) 84,936.

C. Total number of aliens medically examined.. .. 9,190.

D. Reports and certificates for aliens medically examined:-

Nature of report or certificate.		Total number of reports and certificates issued.	Aliens NOT PERMITTED to land.
A.	Unsound mind or mentally defective	2	2
B(1).	Undesirable for medical reasons	23	23
B(2)(a).	Inability to support.. ..	58	14
B(2)(b).	Likely to require medical treatment	86	4
C.	Conditionally landed for further medical examination	-	-
	TOTALS:	169	43

E. Transmigrants landing and medically examined .. Nil.

(5) Accommodation for medical inspection and examination.

Following re-arrangement of the accommodation available at the Folkestone Harbour the medical inspection room was moved to another room off the station platform, but the usual practice of carrying out the examinations in cabins on board passenger ships has been continued.

A telephone has been installed in this new office for the use of the medical staff. (Folkestone 51512).

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

A mortuary and adequate burial and cremation facilities are available in the district.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection.

Information supplied by L.H. Vale, Esq., Chief Public Health and Food Inspector for the Borough and Port of Folkestone.

(1) Summary of Foodstuffs imported during 1958.

FOODSTUFF.	BOULOGNE.				CALAIS.				OSTEND.			
	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beans, dried ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cake and biscuit products	3	16	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cereals	-	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cheese	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnuts	-	8	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chestnut Puree ..	-	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates ..	-	4	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Citrons	-	1	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Confectionery ..	3	16	2	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dates	886	15	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eggs, dried ..	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fish, wet	-	5	3	22	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
Fish, canned ..	-	15	1	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flavouring essences	-	9	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit	-	2	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit, canned ..	1	8	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fruit, preserved..	1	8	2	4	13	18	1	10	-	-	-	-
Fruit juice ..	-	7	3	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garlic	-	11	1	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gelatine	-	-	1	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hams..	-	3	2	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Marmalade	-	8	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meat products ..	21	9	2	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mustard	1	8	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Onion powder ..	4	10	1	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Olive oil	-	-	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oranges	11	16	3	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pectin	-	6	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pickles	-	14	1	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Soup mix powder ..	-	5	3	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tomatoes, canned..	-	1	1	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tomato concentrate	-	-	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tomato powder ..	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tomato Preserves..	1	4	1	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truffles	-	6	2	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vegetables, dehydrated	5	5	2	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	951	6	3	7	13	18	1	10	-	9	-	-

GRAND TOTAL: 965 tons 14 cwts. 0 qrs. 17 lbs.

(2) Foodstuffs condemned.

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(3) Visits to Port.

The Port Health Inspectors made 548 visits to the Harbour during the year for the purpose of routine inspection of passenger and cargo boats and for the examination of all foodstuffs landed at the Port. This work entails considerable evening and weekend duty, especially during the summer months, as all passenger boats are met on arrival by an Inspector. All the vessels which are regularly engaged on cross-channel traffic have been maintained in a very satisfactory condition.

SECTION XVII - Food Inspection (Contd.)

(4) Number of Samples of Food examined by:-

(a) Bacteriologist: 1.

(b) Analyst: 3.
(Chemical examinations)

Bacteriological Examination of Foodstuffs.

One sample of spray-dried egg yolk was submitted for bacteriological examination at the Public Health Laboratory.

No pathogenic organisms were found in the sample.

Chemical Examination of Foodstuffs.

Sample No.	Nature of Sample.	Result of Analysis.	Remarks.
12.	Truffles (canned).	Free from preservatives, arsenic and toxic metals.	Satisfactory and complied with the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925-1958.
13.	Citrons (raw fruit).	Free from preservatives.	Satisfactory and complied with the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925-1958.
50.	Panettone (cake).	Sample was free from toxic metals, arsenic and sulphite preservatives.	Satisfactory and complied with the Public Health (Preservatives, etc., in Food) Regulations, 1925-1958.

(5) Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937 and 1948.

During the year action was taken under the above Regulations as follows:-

(1) A consignment, consisting of various foodstuffs said to contain percentages of meat, arrived from France without "Official Certificates".

Formal notices forbidding removal of the foodstuffs were served. Later it was established that the invoices accompanying the articles were incorrectly worded in relation to the alleged meat content and the notices were accordingly withdrawn and the goods released.

(2) 50 cartons of Salami Sausages from Germany.
(3) 2 crates of Ragout from Italy.

In these instances the foodstuffs also arrived without any Official Certificates such as are required by the Regulations Formal notices forbidding importation were issued in respect of each consignment and the foodstuffs were subsequently re-exported.

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